

GM541

Measure
Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial
Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire at
noon on 12-05-2022.

Report
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Director of the Department of Health

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TESTIMONY OF
BRUCE S ANDERSON

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2019

FEBRUARY 25, 2019
9:00 a.m.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 541 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
BRUCE S. ANDERSON AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Committee:

It has been a privilege to serve as Director of Health since Dr. Pressler retired last June. I am providing my responses below to your request for information on the seven important issues you identified, prior to my confirmation hearing on Monday, February 25, 2019.

(1) A description of your experience in this field

I was appointed as Director of Health by Governor Ige in June 2018 and re-appointed as Director in December 2018. I previously served as Director of Health, from 1999 - 2002 and as Deputy Director of Environmental Health for 12 years, from 1987 – 1998. I also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) for three years, from 2011-2013, overseeing management and operations of our community hospital system, which then included 12 hospitals. Kahuku Medical Center was added to the HHSC system during this period. Immediately after graduate school, I began my career at the Department of Health as State Environmental Epidemiologist and worked in this position for more than six years. As an epidemiologist, I investigated cases of fish poisoning, diseases associated with animals, such as leptospirosis, and illnesses associated with indoor air pollution, lead, mercury and other environmental hazards. I also conducted risk assessments for contaminants in drinking water, air, soil, and other environmental hazards. Attached is a copy of my resume which includes a detailed list of my responsibilities and activities during these years.

(2) An assessment of your strengths and weaknesses

I was very lucky to have had the opportunity to go to Yale and the University of Hawai'i for graduate school where I learned from leaders in the fields of epidemiology and public health. Since then, I have had more than 35 years of experience managing health and environmental protection programs in Hawai'i. With over 100 programs in Department of Health, it takes years to learn what the Department does--and does not do. I'm still learning, but I know more than many, and have had the privilege of working with colleagues at the Department for many years and learning from them. With this experience, I believe I can hit the ground running and provide effective and timely leadership.

My major weakness is that I am impatient by nature. Consequently, I may sometimes seem overly-demanding, particularly working within a bureaucracy that is designed with a plethora of safeguards that often discourage innovation and risk-taking.

(3) An assessment of the department's strengths and weaknesses. Please include an explanation of how the department's strengths may be best utilized, as well as how the department's weaknesses may be improved

Without a doubt, the most important strengths of the Department of Health are the dedicated public health professionals and staff who work tirelessly to improve the health and environment of the people of Hawai'i. An important weakness or challenge we face is the inability of the Department to offer state government salaries that are, in general, comparable and competitive with the private sector. State benefits make up for some of the difference, but those benefits often do not allow those starting out in life to even pay a typical home mortgage. Obviously, adjusting salaries to be more competitive with the private sector for public health professionals will help in recruiting the best and the brightest.

We are also often behind the private sector in using or developing new technologies and other innovations to accomplish our goals. Nevertheless, we have made progress and we are making systemic changes in how we manage services. For example, we are developing a comprehensive and seamless case management system for children and adults served by both our behavioral health and developmental disabilities programs. When fully operational, this will result in the delivery of more effective and efficient services for the thousands of individuals we serve daily. Additionally, it will dramatically improve reimbursement for those services.

(4) An overall vision for the department, specifically what goals can be accomplished within the next four years and what types of annual benchmarks can be used to evaluate the department's progress towards those goals

The overall vision in the Department's strategic plan is still valid and appropriate; that is: "Create a culture of health throughout Hawai'i." This will require taking health to where people live, work, learn and play. Currently, a few of my concerns in achieving this vision are the increases in e-cigarette use by our youth, climate change and its impacts on public health, and the lack of mental health services in our communities.

Hawai'i is ranked as the healthiest state in the nation today. We are fortunate to live in the middle of the Pacific with clean air and water and few industrial sources of pollution. One of the important factors in achieving that number one ranking was the relatively low percentage of smokers here. That ranking is now in jeopardy. The epidemic of e-cigarette use among high school students and young adults will undoubtedly translate to higher smoking rates. Indeed, studies have shown that e-cigarette use often leads to smoking tobacco later in life as individuals become addicted to nicotine.

As you know, bills have been introduced this year to ban the sale of flavored tobacco products, which will help discourage their use by kids and young adults. The flavors and advertisements are obviously targeted to attract middle and high school students as well as young adults. We are working closely with Department of Education to reduce e-cigarette use in schools and working with advocates to ban flavored e-cig products. One of my goals over the next year or two will be to turn the tide on this epidemic.

Preparedness and resiliency to hurricanes, flooding and other events associated with climate change are critically important in Hawai'i. We experienced devastating rains and two near misses from hurricanes last year and we can expect these extreme weather events to increase in frequency and magnitude in years to come. The Office of Public Health Preparedness has recently been reorganized and now reports to the Director, which helps assure timely communications. Over the next year, we need to more actively incorporate climate change and the likelihood of more severe weather events into public health emergency preparedness plans and other planning and preparedness activities.

Over the years, the Department has made some progress in expanding community-based mental health services, and the construction of a new state psychiatric facility at the Hawai'i

State Hospital in Kaneohe is underway. That facility will provide more capacity for individuals with severe mental illness referred to the Director from the courts. However, we still have a long-way in providing for the continuum of care needed for those with mental illness in Hawai'i, particularly the need for more community-based services. For example, one glaring deficiency in our community-based programs is the dearth of "detox facilities," places where those who have drug and alcohol-related disorders can recover and receive treatment and counselling services. Too many times these individuals end up in emergency rooms or on the streets, repeatedly.

Building support services for those with serious mental illness and making transitional housing and other community-based support services available for those with behavioral health needs is an ongoing challenge. Another specific goal for the next year is to have a comprehensive plan in place to better meet these needs.

There are certainly many other social determinants of health that need to be addressed. Lack of affordable housing, traffic congestion, and the overall cost of living in Hawai'i are certainly major challenges we need to overcome. In keeping with the vision for the Department, health should be a primary consideration when planning communities, schools, social services, prisons, and for other community needs. Bringing healthy lifestyle options to the areas where we live, work, and play will improve health outcomes and reduce health care costs. In addition, investing in healthy babies and families will provide the right trajectory toward healthier communities and generations to come.

Childhood obesity, the root cause of diabetes and other serious chronic diseases later in life, is also a growing problem. We need to help children--and their parents--reduce their intake of sugary beverages, increase physical activity, and make healthy choices in life.

Addressing these issues will require vigilance, a steadfast and extended commitment to shared goals and strong collaborative partnerships. One of my overall personal strategies is to be a connector to create, facilitate, and support the partnerships necessary to leverage resources and accomplish these goals.

(5) The department's top budgetary priority for the biennium

The department's priorities for funding are those in the Executive Budget Request. This request includes funds and staffing for a new psychiatric facility at the Hawai'i State Hospital in

Kaneohe, which will provide secure, state-of-the-art treatment for those with serious mental illness. This is the Department's top priority for the biennium.

Not included in that request, but remaining among top priorities, is funding for the Emergency Medical Services System to cover collective bargaining increases and other essential needs to maintain the state-wide ambulance system and related services. The state is obligated to pay for these services under existing statutes. Currently, we expend close to \$70 million/year for those essential services but it is noteworthy that the state bills for ambulance services and recovers more than \$40 million/year in fees for those services.

(6) An assessment of the department staff's morale, including the turnover rate for personnel

I believe the professional staff in the department are passionate about public health and highly motivated by the important role they play in people's lives. As a result, retention rates are probably higher than they may be in other departments. Staff may not always agree with policy decisions, but they know they will be heard. My impression is that morale is generally good and positive.

It is difficult to calculate the turnover rate for personnel without doing a detailed analysis of the history of each position. Although the number of vacancies is large (approximately 500), it should be recognized that the Department of Health is one of the largest departments in state government (approximately 2,700 employees); thus, the current vacancy rate is about 18%. This is about average for the State agencies today. Nevertheless, we need to do more to fill those vacancies.

(7) Any foreseeable possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service in the department and how you would overcome them

No. I cannot foresee any possible conflicts of interest during my service as Director. With the exception of five years as President of Oceanic Institute, my entire career has been devoted to public service.

I am humbled by the prospect of continuing to serve as Director of Health. It is, indeed, a privilege. I am very excited about the chance to continue the good work underway at the

Department of Health as well as the opportunity to work with a terrific team to find ways to make Hawai'i an even better place. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything else you need to know before the confirmation hearing on Monday.



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DAVID Y. IGE
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Testimony of
David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
February 25, 2019
9:00 a.m., Room 229

In consideration of
GM 541, Bruce S. Anderson
as the
Director of the Department of Health

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the reappointment of Bruce Anderson, Ph.D., as the director of the Department of Health (DOH), a position he has held since June 1, 2018.

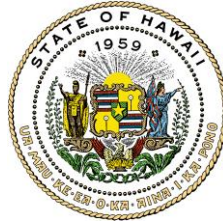
Dr. Anderson graduated from Colorado College and received a master's degree in public health from Yale University and a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from the University of Hawai'i. He has extensive experience in state government having previously served as director of the department from 1999 to 2002, deputy director of environmental health from 1987 to 1998 and state epidemiologist prior to that. Bruce has also served as past president and chief executive officer of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation and the administrator of the aquatic resources division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

In the time Bruce has been working with DOH, he has become an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of my administration. I would like to see him continue as director to build on the previous term's achievements and ensure the department's success over the next four years.

My administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that Dr. Bruce Anderson will continue to support our employees in the DOH in this effort. Moving forward together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 541
Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial
Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
PSM Manager, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: February 25, 2019 Room Number: 229
9:00AM

1 Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer
2 Protection, and Health, I am Caroline Cadirao, Program and System Manager Supervisor at the
3 Executive Office on Aging (EOA). Until a director of EOA is appointed, I am fulfilling that role
4 during the transition. EOA is an attached agency of the Department of Health and is the designated
5 State Unit on Aging responsible for coordinating a statewide system of aging and caregiver
6 support services in the state, as authorized by federal and state laws. I am in strong support of the
7 confirmation of Dr. Bruce Anderson for the Director of the Department of Health. He has served
8 as the Director of the department in 1999-2002 and is again currently serving in that position after
9 Dr. Ginny Pressler retired in June 2018. He is very knowledgeable about the operations of this
10 very large and diverse department and I am confident he will do an excellent job. Dr. Anderson
11 has been very supportive of EOA and is responsive to our administrative and programmatic needs

- 12 as an attached agency. His leadership qualities, commitment to public service and passion to keep
- 13 the people of Hawaii safe and healthy will be an strong asset to the administration.
- 14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Testimony of **Romala Sue Radcliffe**
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Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Monday, February 25, 2019 at 9 a.m., Conference Room 229

in **SUPPORT** of
GM 541
Confirmation of Bruce Adnerson, PhD to serve as Director of Health
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Thirtieth Legislature Regular Session of 2019

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of GM 541.

I support the confirmation of Bruce Anderson.

Having served as the Administrator of The State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) since 2011, I have had the opportunity to work with six different Directors of Health: Director Loretta Fuddy, Acting Director Gary Gill, Director Dr. Linda Rosen, Acting Director Keith Yamamoto, Director Dr. Virginia Pressler, and since mid-2018, Director Bruce Anderson.

Mr. Anderson has decades of experience within scientific research, higher education and government service. Recently he has allowed multiple, collaborative, co-department projects that will support population health improvement efforts to continue to advance. He has been especially supportive of the SHPDA/Department of Human Service's all payer claims database initiative.

Your favorable consideration of this measure is greatly appreciated.

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To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair,
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health

Date: Monday, February 25, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
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**Re: G.M. No. 541 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of
the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in support of Governor's Message 541, Gubernatorial Nominee, Bruce S. Anderson, as the Director of the Department of Health (DoH).

Dr. Anderson has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to successfully lead the DoH. As the Director of the DoH, Dr. Anderson is the State's chief health and environmental official and oversees numerous programs and staff that ensure that the State's health and environment are protected and improved. In addition, Dr. Anderson's management background and service at the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and Division of Aquatic Resources show his familiarity and commitment with addressing rapidly evolving health and environment issues and their impacts on the State.

I urge you to confirm Dr. Anderson to serve as the Director of the DoH so that he may continue to provide leadership and service to the public.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Anderson.

DAVID Y. IGE
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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH**

**February 25, 2019
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 541
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRUCE S.
ANDERSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 5, 2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 541 nominating Dr. Bruce S. Anderson to serve as the Director of the Department of Health, for a term to expire December 5, 2022.

As Department of Health Director, Dr. Anderson will serve as an ex-officio voting member on the Department's Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission). Dr. Anderson has previously served in this capacity during his prior appointment to the position of the Director of the Department of Health from 1999 to 2002. During this tenure, Dr. Anderson contributed significantly to the discussion and resolution of issues regarding the protection and management of both the quantity and quality of the State's water resources.

Dr. Anderson has extensive experience and background in environmental public health in Hawai'i. Early in his career he joined the Department of Health as an environmental epidemiologist and worked his way up to become the Director of the Department of Health where he served for four years. Dr. Anderson has also served in other executive positions as the Environmental Public Health Director at the John A. Burns School of Medicine; President of the Oceanic Institute; Director of Health and Science Programs at Hawai'i Pacific University; and President and CEO of Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

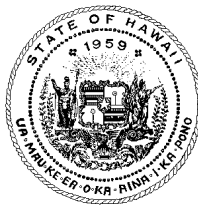
Prior to his current interim appointment to Director of the Department of Health, Dr. Anderson was appointed to be the Administrator of the Division of Aquatics Resources in the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This experience will greatly assist the Commission, as the Commission must work closely with the Division of Aquatic Resources to ensure that the protection and restoration of Hawai‘i’s aquatic resources and ecosystems are integrated in any decisions regarding the use and allocation of Hawai‘i’s limited fresh water resources.

Dr. Anderson holds a PhD from the University of Hawaii in biomedical sciences, a Master of Public Health degree from Yale University, and earned his undergraduate degree in physics from The Colorado College.

Dr. Anderson’s prior leadership experience at the Department of Health, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Commission on Water Resource Management makes him uniquely qualified to lead the Department of Health particularly in the areas of environmental health and sustainability.

The Department strongly supports the nomination and appointment of Dr. Bruce S. Anderson to be the Director of the Department of Health. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this nominee.

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 541
NOMINATION OF BRUCE S. ANDERSON AS
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

by
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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Monday, February 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports the nomination of Bruce S. Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health (DOH). PSD has enjoyed the opportunity and privilege of collaborating with DOH on important partnerships under Director Anderson's leadership.

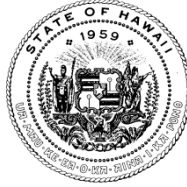
First, PSD has collaborated with the DOH and many other government and private sector stakeholders to develop and implement the State Opioid Action Plan. One goal of the action plan was the creation of the Hawaii Medication Drop Box Program, which allows residents in all counties to drop off their unused medication in drop boxes at multiple police stations across the state. This program was successfully launched in 2018. Also, together we drafted proposed legislation to increase DOH access to PSD's prescription drug monitoring program.

Second, under Director Anderson's leadership, DOH Public Health and PSD collaborate on mental health issues in law enforcement. PSD's law enforcement officers are able to make social contact referrals to the Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center in furtherance of law enforcement assisted diversion.

Finally, our correctional facilities have partnered with DOH's Adult Mental Health Division for mental health services for exiting inmates, and are working on streamlining intakes and releases to and from our facilities and the Hawaii State Hospital.

PSD supports Bruce S. Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health and looks forward to working cooperatively to serve the people of our State.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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G.M. 541

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Dr. Bruce Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health (DOH).

As the former Director from 1999 -2002, Dr. Anderson served with distinction in bettering the DOH. His most recognized accomplishment was the Hawaii Health Initiative which continues to support healthy lifestyles by implementing policies and programs to create sustainable changes in Hawaii's communities, schools and workplaces.

The DOT is a partner in promoting the Hawaii Health Initiative, through several programs such as complete streets, in establishing policies that accommodate all users of the road, no matter the age, ability, or mode of transportation.

DOT's partnership with DOH prioritizes safety and we believe Dr. Anderson's experience, wisdom and understanding of the DOH will better protect the health and safety of Hawaii's people and visitors. We are very pleased with his appointment and trust he will improve public understanding of the role of public health to ensure Hawaii continues to lead our nation as the Healthy State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION,
& HEALTH

FEBRUARY 25, 2019
9:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 541
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRUCE S.
ANDERSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022

Chairperson Baker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 541, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, Bruce S. Anderson, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Mr. Anderson has served as the Director of the Department of Health since June 2018 under the current Administration. He has many years of service in other roles at DLNR and also with the Department of Health, including as the Director from 1999-2002. His vast experience and leadership will be vital for the State of Hawaii at the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION,
AND HEALTH
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 25, 2019 AT 9:00 AM IN CR 229

IN SUPPORT OF

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for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **BRUCE S. ANDERSON**,
for a term to expire 12-05-2022

February 25, 2019

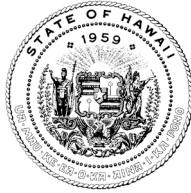
Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Bruce S. Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health (DOH).

Mr. Anderson's background and professional credentials, and his prior tenure at the DOH make him well-qualified for this appointment. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands looks forward to working with the DOH on a wide-range of issues of concern to our homestead communities statewide.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTED, AND HEALTH
Monday, February 25, 2019

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 541
Gubernatorial Nominee Bruce S. Anderson

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and members of the committee:

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Dr. Bruce Anderson as Director of the Department of Health. Having served the State of Hawaii in many leadership roles, including Director of Health from 1999 to 2002, Dr. Anderson has a proven track record of creating successful initiatives. He effectively responded to public health threats of terrorism, anthrax, and the other events surrounding September 11, 2001 and led a successful multi-agency effort to stop an outbreak of dengue fever in Hawaii. As deputy director for Environmental Health, he created new, statewide programs to protect drinking water, air, coastal water quality, along with programs to regulate wastewater and solid and hazardous waste -- all important issues to our residents.

I strongly urge the committee to favorably consider Dr. Anderson's nomination, so he may continue the exemplary leadership he has demonstrated as Director of Health. He is a great asset to the department and to state government.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nominee.

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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members:

Subject: Governor's Message (GM) 541 – Consideration and Confirmation as the
Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, **BRUCE S.
ANDERSON**, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports nominating Dr. Bruce Anderson as Director of the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH)

Dr. Anderson served as past DOH director and has a keen understanding and appreciation of the environmental issues and challenges facing our state. Dr. Anderson's background in public health and biomedical sciences in addition to his more than 30 years of experience in managing health and environmental protection programs in Hawai'i makes him well qualified for this position. We urge your support of his nomination as health director.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,



ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.
Manager and Chief Engineer



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM541, Consideration and Confirmation of Bruce Anderson, Ph.D. as Director of the Department of Health

The American Heart Association strongly supports the confirmation of Bruce Anderson, Ph.D. as Director of the Department of Health.

Dr. Anderson has demonstrated his skills and knowledge to serve in this role both while serving currently as interim director, as well as during his service as the Department director under Governor Cayetano's administration.

His focus on reigning in Hawaii's youth vaping epidemic is just one indication that he will be an effective partner in helping support the American Heart Association's mission to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. As heart disease and stroke remain Hawaii's number one and number three causes of death, and the leading causes of major disability, we look forward to continuing our work with Dr. Anderson and his team to reduce those health burdens on our state.

The American Heart Association supports Bruce Anderson's confirmation to serve as the Director of the Department of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Weisman

Hawaii Government Relations/Communications Director



GM541 Confirmation for Bruce Anderson for Director of DOH

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH:

- Sen. Baker, Chair; Sen. Chang, Vice Chair
- Monday, Feb. 25, 2019: 9:00 am
- Conference Room 229

Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition Supports Bruce Anderson as Director of DOH:

GOOD MORNING CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide organization of almost 40 non-profit alcohol and drug treatment and prevention agencies.

Under new leadership, HSAC is hopeful that Hawaii could implement vast changes that could open the door to affordable, quality healthcare.

Building on what works in Hawaii, we have the opportunity to “fix what’s broken”¹ by providing better access to care with prevention and treatment that includes the gamut of the continuum of care model spanning complex patient models in residential to outpatient to harm reduction by integrating behavioral health with physical medical care as well:



- Reduce costs by “investing” in preventive treatment and processes that improve care.
- Implement payment reforms that provide incentives to behavioral healthcare and medical practitioners to provide care to people with multiple chronic illnesses.
- Improve care coordination and quality by ending fragmentation between state agencies, hospitals, clinics, treatment providers and support services.
- Ensure people get the care they need when they need it.
- Minimize unnecessary hospital readmissions by developing new policies that support preventive treatment models.
- Bring down health care costs by spending more wisely.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony.

¹ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/healthreform/healthcare-overview>



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

From: Paula Yoshioka, Vice President, Government Relations and External Affairs, The
Queen's Health Systems

Date: February 21, 2019

Hrg: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health; Monday, February
25, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Room 229

Re: Support for GM 541, Consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department
of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, Bruce S. Anderson

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Bruce S. Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health.

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D. was appointed as Director of Health at the State of Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) by Governor Ige effective June 1, 2018. Dr. Anderson previously served as Director of Health from 1999- 2002 and as Deputy Director of Environmental Health from 1987 – 1998. I had the pleasure of working directly with Dr. Anderson in his role as Deputy Director and Director of Health when I served as the Deputy Director of Administration and Behavioral Health under Governor Ben Cayetano's administration. It was a pleasure to work with Dr. Anderson. He was committed to bettering our health care system.

Dr. Anderson is dedicated and will provide the leadership and direction required in a very difficult health care environment. At the Queen's Health Systems, we had the pleasure of working with Dr. Anderson in his capacity as Acting Director. It was an easy transition as he has the requisite knowledge and experience to lead a supportive health care agenda and work with us as a partner.

Your favorable action on Dr. Anderson's confirmation is respectfully requested. The State will be well-served by his continued leadership of the Department of Health. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide my comments.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.

Testimony of
Joy Barua
Senior Director, Government and Community Relations & Community Benefit

Before:
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

February 25, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229

Re: GM541, Relating to the Director of the Department of Health

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Chang, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on GM541, for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

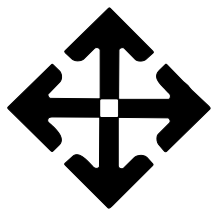
Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i SUPPORTS GM541

Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i is Hawai'i's largest integrated health system that provides care and coverage for nearly 255,000 members. Each day, more than 4,500 dedicated employees and more than 600 Hawai'i Permanente Medical Group physicians come to work at Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i to care for our members at Moanalua Medical Center and our 27 medical clinics, providing high-quality care for our members and delivering on our commitment to improve the health of the 1.4 million people living in the communities we serve.

Kaiser Permanente strongly supports the confirmation of Bruce S. Anderson as the Director of the Hawaii Department of Health. The Director serves as the chief health and environmental official for the state, including serving as the chair of the Board of Health and overseeing number of health-related agencies. Mr. Anderson has more than 30 years of experience in managing health and environmental protection programs in the State of Hawai'i. His leadership and diverse background in health and related fields, including past role as chief executive officer of Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, make him a very capable leader.

We are confident in Mr. Anderson's ability to successfully lead the Department of Health and its mission to protect and improve the health and environment for all people in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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February 25, 2019

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons
President

Subject: GM 541 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee,
BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Hawaii Business League, a small business service organization and we are submitting testimony in support of the advise and consent of Bruce Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health.

We have had dealings with Mr. Anderson since the time that he served as the Deputy Director for the Department of Health. We have always found Mr. Anderson to be forthright and fair in his handling of the issues as they might confront small business and how they interrelate to the Department of Health.

Additionally, we also dealt with Mr. Anderson in several of his other positions and found those characteristics to always be true and follow suit.

Based on the above, we can highly recommend your advise and consent of Bruce S. Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you.



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February 25, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, & HEALTH

TESTIMONY ON GM 541

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of
Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON

Room 229
9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports GM 541, to consider and confirm Dr. Bruce Anderson as Director of the Hawaii Department of Health.

HFB has had the privilege to work with Dr. Anderson on various matters of importance to farmers and ranchers throughout the state over the many years, and in the diverse capacities that he has served the community. We have found him to be a wise, considerate, and helpful person of great personal integrity.

Dr. Anderson brings an unparalleled wealth of experience not only in public health and environmental protection but also in effectively directing large staffs and managing substantial budgets.

HFB looks forward to working with Dr. Anderson as Hawaii's farmers and ranchers strive to move our state closer to food self-sufficiency, ever mindful of the public trust resources we steward and rely upon.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our strong support for Dr. Anderson.



February 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM
Conference Room 229

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker
Vice Chair Stanley Chang

From: Paige Heckathorn Choy
Director, Government Relations
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
GM 541, Submitting for consideration and confirmation Dr. Bruce S. Anderson to serve as the Director of the Department of Health

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support** the nomination of Dr. Bruce S. Anderson to once again serve as the Director of the Department of Health. Dr. Anderson is an exceptionally qualified candidate who has an extensive background on a wide breadth of health and environmental issues that will help him to, once again, serve with distinction in this role.

Throughout Dr. Anderson's career he has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the improvement of the health of Hawaii's residents. In his various roles over the past three decades, Dr. Anderson has acquired a strong understanding of Hawaii's healthcare structure, the role of agencies in helping to improve the health and quality of people's lives, and has greatly contributed in moving Hawaii's communities forward. He has also shown a great commitment to public service that is highly commendable.

We have had the privilege of working with Dr. Anderson in his many professional capacities and as a former member of the Association's Board of Directors in 2012. We have been very appreciative of the time that Dr. Anderson has provided to the Association and we would like to offer our strong support of Dr. Anderson's nomination to serve as the Director of Health for another term. Thank you for your consideration of our support.



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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 541
RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE BRUCE S. ANDERSON

By
Clifton Otto, MD

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Monday, February 25, 2019; 9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter. The confirmation of a director is a tremendous responsibility. I hope you will consider the respectfully submitted comments below.

The primary responsibility of a director is to faithfully administer the laws of the state that impact the department. While a director may have an interest in encouraging registration with a department program that is dictated by state law, a director does not have the authority to use false information to motivate such registration.

Take for example the policy of the Department of Health (DOH) towards registration cards and the medical use of cannabis:

Since creating its online presence for the administration of Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Program, DOH has posted the following statement on its website, which is also included in routine emails to patients and certifying providers:

Please be advised that patients and caregivers are not authorized for the medical use of cannabis until such time that they receive their 329 card registration card in hand from the Department of Health, Medical Cannabis Program and they must keep both their valid ID and valid 329 card on them whenever they are in possession of medical cannabis.

<http://health.hawaii.gov/medicalcannabisregistry/application-information/>

The first half of this statement is false: Written Certification authorizes the medical use of cannabis, not the registration card. The second half of this statement is true: patients and caregivers must possess their registration card once it has been received.

HRS 329-122 outlines the conditions for engaging in the medical use of cannabis:

§329-122 Medical use of cannabis; conditions of

use. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the medical use of cannabis by a qualifying patient shall be permitted only if:

(1) The qualifying patient has been diagnosed by a physician or advanced practice registered nurse as having a debilitating medical condition;

(2) The qualifying patient's physician or advanced practice registered nurse has certified in writing that, in the physician's or advanced practice registered nurse's professional opinion, the potential benefits of the medical use of cannabis would likely outweigh the health risks for the particular qualifying patient; and

(3) The amount of cannabis possessed by the qualifying patient does not exceed an adequate supply.

Nowhere in the statute does it say that patients must wait for their card to arrive before engaging in the medical use of cannabis.

In fact, DOH's own administrative rules clearly state that patients must possess their registration card once it has been received, not that they must wait for their card to arrive before engaging in medical use (emphasis added):

§11-160-31 Possession of registration card; identification tags on marijuana plants.

(a) A person to whom the department **has issued** a registration card shall carry the registration card on his or her person whenever the person is in possession of medical marijuana.

In addition, the definition of "adequate supply" establishes that patients shall have access to medical use cannabis without interruption (emphasis added):

§329-121 Definitions. As used in this part:

"Adequate supply" means an amount of medical cannabis jointly possessed between the qualifying patient and the primary caregiver that is not more than is reasonably necessary to ensure the **uninterrupted availability** of cannabis for the purpose of alleviating the symptoms or effects of a qualifying patient's debilitating medical

condition; provided that an "adequate supply" shall not exceed: ten cannabis plants, whether immature or mature, and four ounces of usable cannabis at any given time. The four ounces of usable cannabis shall include any combination of usable cannabis and manufactured cannabis products, as provided in chapter 329D, with the cannabis in the manufactured cannabis products being calculated using information provided pursuant to section 329D-9(c).

Nowhere in the statute does it say that patients must wait to receive the potential benefits of medical use cannabis.

Shortly after learning of DOH's registration card policy, I notified several of our state lawmakers, and a stakeholders' meeting was arranged at the state capitol. When we asked why these false statements about registration cards were being posted on the department's website, we were told that the department has an attorney-client privilege with the state Attorney General, and that the department cannot discuss this matter with the public. After we were dismissed, the meeting between DOH and our state lawmakers continued behind closed doors. Unfortunately, we were never able to learn what was discussed during this secret meeting. We were only told that the policy wasn't going to change.

After several failed attempts at initiating a discussion of this topic with the previous DOH director, I decide to try the rulemaking petition approach with the current director, requesting a new rule that would require all certifying providers to give patients a copy of their Written Certification in order to protect patients for the medical use of cannabis until their registration card arrives (please see attached petition).

Unfortunately, this rulemaking petition was denied based upon an incomplete interpretation of the department's own administrative rules, which conflated possession of a registration card with authorized medical use. Needless to say, my subsequent attempts at clarification and reconsideration were unsuccessful, except that they did reveal the primary reason for the department's current policy on registration cards, which is the assumption that recognizing the authority of the Written Certification and educating patients on the requirement to register with the department after being certified would be too misleading, and would give patients the impression that they don't need to register at all.

So instead, we have a state agency disseminating false information about registration cards and the authorized medical use of cannabis, which is misleading patients into needlessly suffering until their registration card arrives and undermining their faith in the ability of the state to administer a compassionate medical use of cannabis program.

The department's response to complaints about registration card delays has always been to focus more resources on the registration process and to speed up the issuance of registration cards as much as possible, instead of supporting the role of the Written Certification in authorizing medical use.

Indeed, the time it takes for registration cards to be issued has gone from weeks to days during the past few months in some cases, which is a desperately needed improvement. However, such an improvement does not justify spreading false information about registration cards authorizing the medical use of cannabis and thereby ignoring the important role that the Written Certification plays in the certification and registration process and in the doctor-patient relationship.

My guess is that the director is simply following orders that are coming from the Office of the Attorney General, and that the director believes that these false statements are justified because they might help keep patients out of trouble. However, I can tell you from direct interactions with patients, that being lied to by a state agency is deeply demoralizing, and only serves to further degrade the respect that our patients have for the rule of law.

I would contend that the proper approach would be to recognize that the Written Certification authorizes the medical use of cannabis, while at the same time emphasizing that state law requires patients to register with the department after they have been certified. This could also include a warning to patients that it would be in their best interest to wait for the registration card to arrive before engaging in cultivation.

Having certification and registration occur simultaneously in the certifying physician's office would be an obvious solution to the current concern about patients failing to register, as would allowing certifying providers to issue registration cards at the time of certification and registration. Plans to issue electronic registration cards could also be helpful for those with smart phones, as long as the electronic registration card could be issued the instant that the certification and registration application are submitted.

All of this to say that the committee should use this confirmation hearing as an opportunity to investigate this matter further. If the director is creating this policy on his own, then the director's fitness to lead the department should be questioned. If the director is following the advice of the Office of the Attorney General, then the public deserves to know why the Attorney General is not adhering to state law. Invoking attorney-client privilege with the Attorney General should not be an allowable answer.

At the very least, the committee should make the director's confirmation contingent upon correcting the department's current policy towards registration cards and the authorized medical use of cannabis.

September 10, 2018

Bruce S. Anderson, PhD
Director, Department of Health
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PETITION TO AMEND A RULE

Dear Director Anderson,

The current misconception that patients must wait for their 329 registration card to arrive before engaging in the accepted medical use of cannabis in Hawaii, which the Department of Health (DOH) is promoting on its website and in electronic correspondences to certifying providers and patients, is not supported by Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Act or the department's own administrative rules regarding registration cards:

BE ADVISED: PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THEY RECEIVE THEIR 329 REGISTRATION CARD FROM DOH AND THEY MUST KEEP BOTH THEIR VALID ID AND VALID 329 CARD ON THEM WHENEVER THEY ARE IN POSSESSION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS.

Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Act has established that "Written Certification" authorizes patients to engage in the medical use of cannabis, and has authorized DOH to require that certifying providers utilize a designated form:

§329-122 Medical use of cannabis; conditions of use. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the medical use of cannabis by a qualifying patient shall be permitted only if:

- (1) The qualifying patient has been diagnosed by a physician or advanced practice registered nurse as having a debilitating medical condition;
- (2) The qualifying patient's physician or advanced practice registered nurse has certified in writing that, in the physician's or advanced practice registered nurse's professional opinion, the potential benefits of the medical use of cannabis would likely outweigh the health risks for the particular qualifying patient; and
- (3) The amount of cannabis possessed by the qualifying patient does not exceed an adequate supply.

§329-121 Definitions. As used in this part:

"Written certification" means the qualifying patient's medical records or a statement signed by a qualifying patient's physician or advanced practice registered nurse, stating that in the physician's or advanced practice registered nurse's professional opinion, the qualifying patient has a debilitating medical condition and the potential benefits of the medical use of cannabis would likely outweigh the health risks for the qualifying patient. The department of health may require, through its rulemaking authority, that all written certifications comply with a designated form.

Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Act has established that patients will be afforded "uninterrupted availability" of cannabis for medical use:

"An Accepted Medical Use Supporter"

[§329-121 Definitions.](#) As used in this part:

"Adequate supply" means an amount of medical cannabis jointly possessed between the qualifying patient and the primary caregiver that is not more than is reasonably necessary to ensure the uninterrupted availability of cannabis for the purpose of alleviating the symptoms or effects of a qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition; provided that an "adequate supply" shall not exceed: ten cannabis plants, whether immature or mature, and four ounces of usable cannabis at any given time. The four ounces of usable cannabis shall include any combination of usable cannabis and manufactured cannabis products, as provided in chapter 329D, with the cannabis in the manufactured cannabis products being calculated using information provided pursuant to section 329D-9(c).

Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Act has established that patients may distribute material to each other as long as such distribution does not occur in public, as long as an "adequate supply" is not exceeded, and as long as the transfer is not considered a commercial sale:

[§329-121 Definitions.](#) As used in this part:

"Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, cultivation, use, distribution, or transportation of cannabis or paraphernalia relating to the administration of cannabis to alleviate the symptoms or effects of a qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition. For the purposes of "medical use", the term distribution is limited to the transfer of cannabis and paraphernalia.

DOH's administrative rules require that patients carry their registration card once it has been issued by the department:

[§11-160-31 Possession of registration card;](#) identification tags on marijuana plants.

(a) A person to whom the department has issued a registration card shall carry the registration card on his or her person whenever the person is in possession of medical marijuana.

Nowhere in the statute or the administrative rules is it written that patients must wait for their registration card to arrive before engaging in the medical use of cannabis.

Clearly, the policy of making patients believe that they must wait for their registration card to arrive goes against the intent of Hawaii's Medical Use of Cannabis Act, and puts our patients at unnecessary risk of additional suffering.

One simple solution to this problem is to require that certifying providers use an official document that already exists; namely the 329 Physician/APRN Certification form that DOH has created and released for use by certifying physicians and APRNs (see Form CBD-C-001, revised 12/29/17). Mandatory use of this form by all certifying providers, as well as education of law enforcement on the validity of the Written Certification, could provide the protection that patients require until their registration card arrives.

Patients could still be notified that it is in their best interest to wait until their registration has been approved before engaging in personal cultivation, since a registration number and expiration date are required for tagging plants.

Therefore, in accordance with HRS 91-6 and HAR 11-1-51, I hereby petition your department to adopt the following amendment:

"An Accepted Medical Use Supporter"

§11-160-11 Physician requirements for issuing written certifications. Any physician issuing a written certification shall:

- (1) Hold a current and valid Hawaii license to practice pursuant to chapter 453, HRS, and have authority to prescribe drugs;
- (2) Be registered with the department of public safety pursuant to section 329-32, HRS;
- (3) Have a bona fide physician-patient relationship with the qualifying patient;
- (4) Diagnose the qualifying patient as having a debilitating medical condition;
- (5) Be of the professional opinion that the potential benefits of the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the qualifying patient;
- (6) Explain the potential risks and benefits of the medical use of marijuana to the qualifying patient and to a parent, guardian, or person having legal custody of the qualifying patient if the qualifying patient is a minor or an adult lacking legal capacity; and
- (7) Provide all patients with a copy of their Written Certification at the time of certification using a form provided by the department.

I have an interest in this matter as a certifying physician who is involved with the health and welfare of our patients.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your timely response.

Please send all correspondences regarding this petition to the office or email address below.

Aloha,



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February 23, 2019

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

FROM: Cathy Ross

SUBJECT: **GM 541, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022**

I am writing in **strong support** of the confirmation of Dr. Bruce Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health (DOH). Dr. Anderson has a proven record of quality service and leadership, in both the private and public sectors, and the DOH will immensely benefit from his extensive knowledge of and experience with the department.

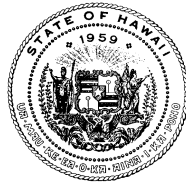
Dr. Anderson was the Director of Health when I began my career at DOH over 18 years ago. I recall how he led the department with integrity and passion to promote the health and safety of our state. This included spearheading public health strategies and responses to a broad range of issues like threats of terrorism, dengue fever, and chronic disease prevention.

Working with Dr. Anderson in my new capacity as the DOH Deputy Director, it is clear that he is the right leader for DOH. His “return” to DOH in 2018 is strengthened by his additional leadership experiences in other organizations, especially as we continue to expand collaborative and holistic strategies to improve outcomes for all the residents of Hawaii.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of the nomination of Dr. Anderson as Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



BRUCE S. ANDERSON, Ph.D.
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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In reply, please refer to:
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Testimony of Danette Wong Tomiyasu, Deputy Director of Health Resources Administration
In SUPPORT of Governor's Message 541

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health,
Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

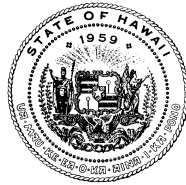
Hearing Date: February 25, 2019

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I am writing in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Bruce S. Anderson for Director of the Hawaii State Department of Health. Dr. Anderson brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and leadership in public health and environmental protection in Hawaii.

Dr. Anderson is well qualified to lead the Department of Health and has a firm commitment to improving the health and welfare for all of the people of Hawaii. The State of Hawaii will be well served to have Dr. Bruce Anderson continue to serve as the Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support Bruce S. Anderson for Director of Health.



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Testimony of Dr. Keith E. Kawaoka, Deputy Director, Environmental Health
in SUPPORT of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 541
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the
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BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-05-2022.

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION,
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Hearing Date: February 25, 2019

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This testimony is submitted in very strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Dr. Bruce S. Anderson as the Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Health (DOH).

Dr. Anderson has extensive experience in administration and management with over 35 years of service in state government involving public health and environmental protection. Dr. Anderson knows and understands state government through his very diverse work experiences at the Department of Health.

As Deputy Director of the DOH Environmental Health Administration and at the Hazard Evaluation & Emergency Response Office, I have had the opportunity and privilege of working closely with Dr. Anderson in his role as Director (1999-2003 and 2018 to present). I look forward to continuing to collaborate with Dr. Anderson. Using his knowledge and keen understanding of state government, Dr. Anderson has advised, problem solved and assisted me, and many others navigate the complex state system on very challenging measures. Dr. Anderson has done the job skillfully, using his past knowledge and experience, but also with a vision of future and new pathways for the DOH

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on
Transportation

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

Monday, February 25, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Testimony on **Governor's Message No. 541**, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the **Director of the Department of Health**, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Bruce S. Anderson**, for a Term to Expire on December 5, 2022.

To the Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, the Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am writing in **support** of the appointment of Bruce S. Anderson to serve as the Director of the Department of Health, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

Over the last year, I have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Anderson, who served as the Director for the Department of Health. I observed Dr. Anderson to be knowledgeable and helpful on matters that crossed our jurisdictions, and one who was willing to collaboratively offer solutions to challenges that we presented to him. I firmly believe Dr. Anderson will continue to be a valued and highly productive member of Governor Ige's cabinet, and respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM No. 541. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.

TESTIMONY OF LINDA CHU TAKAYAMA

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Monday, February 25, 2019
9:00 A.M.

G.M. 541

TITLE: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022

POSITION: Support

Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Committee:

My name is Linda Chu Takayama, Director of Taxation, and I am offering this testimony in strong support of Bruce Anderson who has been nominated for the position of Director of the Department of Health.

I cannot think of another person who has as many and as varied a portfolio of successful leadership positions as Bruce has had. At a time when there are such a multitude of health challenges and such a range of complexity, the job necessarily requires someone of his experience, knowledge and capabilities.

Don't let him get away. Please give him your favorable consideration.

Thank you.

DAVID Y. IGE
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH
ON
FEBRUARY 25, 2019, 9:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 541
SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
BRUCE S. ANDERSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 541. I support the nomination of Dr. Bruce S. Anderson to the position of Director of the Department of Health (DOH).

Dr. Anderson has served as DOH Director from January 1999 to December 2002. He has been serving as acting DOH director since June 2018. Previously, he served as the Administrator of the Division of Aquatic Resources at the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Dr. Anderson also served as President/CEO of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for the State of Hawaii. In addition, Dr. Anderson has served as President of the Oceanic Institute as well as Program Director at public and private universities.

Dr. Anderson's extensive background in the private and public sectors and his long-standing service to the State of Hawaii makes him the perfect selection to be the DOH director.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE
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G.M. 541

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
BRUCE S. ANDERSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 541. I **SUPPORT** the nomination of Dr. Bruce S. Anderson, to the position of the Director of the Department of Health, for a term to expire on 12-05-2022.

I have known Dr. Anderson for almost 20 years. Most of our acquaintances have been in his capacity as Director of Health, going back to 1999 and dealing with neighborhood board issues. I have found him to be a diligent and dedicated public servant.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Statement of
Mike McCartney

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Monday, February 25, 2019
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
GM 541
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire 12-05-2022.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Committee.

I **support** the appointment of **Bruce S. Anderson** to serve as the Director of the Department of Health.

Bruce has led the Department of Health (DOH) since June 2018 and as the Director has overseen more than 100 programs and a staff of more than 2,700 while adhering to the department's mission to protect and improve the health and environment for all the people in Hawaii. His previous experience has been in leadership roles in the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, John A. Burns School of Medicine, and the Director of Health for the State of Hawaii. I had the pleasure of collaborating with Bruce while he was at the DOH and I was at the Department of Human Resources Development, so am confident that he will continue to bring direction and commitment to the position and his leadership will benefit the people of the State of Hawaii.

For these reasons, I urge his confirmation for the Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
RODERICK K. BECKER
AND
ROBERT YU
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 541

Monday, February 25, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Room 229

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Committee:

We strongly support Bruce Anderson's appointment to the position of director of the Department of Health (department). We are working with Dr. Anderson in our professional capacities as Director and Deputy Director of Finance, respectively.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the disadvantaged.

Dr. Anderson is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Dr. Anderson held various State positions at the Department of Health, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and most recently as director of the Department of Health since June 2018. His experience in health and environmental issues will benefit the department and the State; therefore, we support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Statement of
Mary Alice Evans

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

Monday, February 25, 2019
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of

GM 541
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Director of the Department of Health,
Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON,
for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee.

I respectfully urge your **strong support** for the confirmation of Bruce Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health.

I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Anderson for several years in his capacity as the Director of Health most recently and when he was the Director from 1999 to 2002, and prior to that as the Deputy Director of Environmental Health in 1987 to 1998.

Bruce Anderson is highly qualified to lead the Department of Health's mission to protect human health and the environment. He mobilizes the department's resources to quickly counter the numerous health threats that Hawaii's location and climate pose to Hawaii's families while keeping the broad range of on-going services for physical and mental health for residents of all ages on a continuous improvement track.

I respectfully urge your **favorable consideration** of the nomination of Bruce Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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DATE: February 22, 2019

TO: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Gary M. Slovin

RE: **GM 541 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**
Hearing Date: Monday, February 25, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room: 229

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

I submit this testimony in very strong support of Bruce Anderson to be the Director of the Department of Health.

I have known and worked with Bruce in his various governmental capacities for over thirty years. Perhaps, over that time, I have worked with others as exceptional as Bruce, but certainly there have been none better. First, Bruce is a consensus builder. He seeks the best answers to problems, regardless of where those answers come from. If they come from departmental staff, he will defend them, but he is just as likely to, and frequently does, support answers from outside the department. What matters to Bruce is what the best approach is and not where it comes from.

During Bruce's earlier tenure at DOH he supported outreach to the private sector, bringing private persons and government employees together to foster understanding among the different groups. With Bruce, the office of the Director is not a rubber stamp for anyone. Your position must be based on facts and sound reasoning. But, if it is, he has the courage to defend it against attacks from anywhere.

Yes, Bruce does have the basic credentials for the position. He has the education and his experience is probably not to be matched by anyone. Further, his years of public service have not dimmed his enthusiasm. But what distinguishes Bruce is his courage, his character, his integrity and his ability and willingness to really lead. I am thrilled that he has been appointed and look forward to years of accomplishment from this exceptional individual.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2019 10:53:38 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/25/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Speedy Bailey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-541

Submitted on: 2/20/2019 12:04:51 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/25/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
genevieve salmonson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

GM-541

Submitted on: 2/21/2019 10:24:23 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/25/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louis Erteschik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is with great pleasure that I submit testimony in strong support of the nomination of Bruce Anderson to be the Director of Health. I first met Bruce in 1991 when I was a staff attorney here at the State Senate working for the Committee on Environmental Protection. I was then hired after the session to work in a position attached directly to his office, when he was the Deputy Director for Environmental Health. I worked with him for the next twelve years on a variety of projects while he became the Director of Health.

Bruce is one of the finest gentlemen and public servants I have ever known. He was a true delight to work with. He has a very open, collaborative style of working with stakeholders, as well as extremely measured judgment and a calming presence that often reassured the public during times when health or environmental issues made the news. He was an excellent Health Director when he served in prior administrations and I am delighted to see that he has been nominated again. His years at the Department have given him invaluable insight into its workings as well as a strong institutional knowledge of its operations. I could not imagine a more qualified individual to lead the Department at this time, and I wholeheartedly urge the Committee to support his confirmation.

GM-541

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 9:00:58 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/25/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I have worked with Dr. Anderson during his many years of public service and I believe that not only is he the most qualified individual to direct the State Department of Health, but that we are extremely lucky that he is willing to continue contributing his expertise to benefit Hawaii.

GM-541

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 8:26:01 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/25/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Fridovich, PhD, MPA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 9:08:13 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/25/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharon Tangonan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the confirmation of Bruce S. Anderson as Director of the Dept. of Health.

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 9:54:54 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/25/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julian	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2019 9:11:18 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/25/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Natalie Wagatsuma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to express my strong support for Dr. Bruce Anderson's appointment as the Director for the Department of Health.



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Date: February 24, 2019

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Committee

Re: Strong Support for GM 541

Hrg: February 25, 2019 at 9:00am at Conference Room 229

The Hawai'i Public Health Institute is in **strong support of GM 541**, for the nomination of Dr. Bruce Anderson for the Director of the Department of Health.

The Hawai'i Public Health Institute is a hub for building healthy communities, providing issue-based advocacy, education, and technical assistance through partnerships with government, academia, foundations, business, and community-based organizations.

Dr. Anderson has more than twenty years of experience in managing health and environmental protection programs in the State of Hawai'i, and previously served as Health Director during Governor Cayetano's administration. In addition, Dr. Anderson previously served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

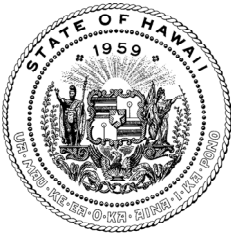
Dr. Anderson is committed to reversing the current youth e-cigarette epidemic. He understands the issues and is supporting education and policies that are aimed to reduce youth e-cigarette use.

The Hawai'i Public Health Institute asks the committee to support the nomination of Dr. Bruce Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Yamauchi", is written over a light blue circular background.

Jessica Yamauchi, MA
Executive Director



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Testimony of
SCOTT GLENN, Director

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Monday, February 25, 2019
9:00 AM, Room 229

in SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 541, BRUCE ANDERSON
As the Director of the Department of Health
(Written Testimony Only)

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Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Bruce Anderson to serve as the Director of the Department of Health.

Dr. Anderson has extensive experience with the Department of Health and its mission to protect human and environmental health. I have worked with Dr. Anderson in his capacities as the Administrator of the Division of Aquatic Resources at the Department of Land and Natural Resources and as Acting Director and Director of the Department of Health. He has been a valuable partner in improving environmental stewardship overall and the effectiveness of the OEQC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

February 24, 2019

LATE

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Re: GM 541 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRUCE S. ANDERSON, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of GM 541, the confirmation of Bruce S. Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health (DOH).

Dr. Anderson has served the State well in many roles over the last 4 decades, most recently in his current role as the Director of Health for the State of Hawaii. Dr. Anderson has extensive experience in both the business community and the DOH. He has worked for the DOH in various capacities for over 20 years; first as an Environmental Epidemiologist from 1981 to 1987, then as Deputy Director for Environmental Health from 1987-1998 and as Director of Health from 1999 to 2002 before returning to that role in 2018. Dr. Anderson has also led other State entities as the President and CEO, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and as Administrator, Division of Aquatic Resources, DLNR. Dr. Anderson has served as the Director of Health and Science Programs at Hawaii Pacific University and Environmental Health Program Director at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. Dr. Anderson also has experience in the private sector as the President of Oceanic Institute from 2004-2009 and as President, Bruce Anderson Consulting, LLC from 2013-2015.

With a Doctorate in Biomedical Science from the University of Hawaii and a Master of Public Health from Yale University, as well as his extensive business experience, we believe Dr. Anderson is highly qualified and we are pleased to support his nomination to continue to serve the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM 541. Your consideration of the confirmation of Mr. Bruce S. Anderson as the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Health is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Pono Chong
Vice President, Government Relations

**Testimony on GM 541 - Confirmation of Bruce S. Anderson
Director, Department of Health**

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Monday, February 25, 2019
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

LATE

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Glenn Wasserman, and I am testifying as an individual in strong support of the confirmation of Bruce Anderson as Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Health.

Dr. Anderson's extensive and honorable career embodies the mission of the Department of Health, to protect and improve the health and environment for all people in Hawai'i. He has a proven track record having steered numerous, large successful projects, programs and organizations, including the Hawaii Department of Health as a former Director.

I fully respect and have confidence in his abilities and believe he has the dedication, knowledge, character and disposition to lead the Department of Health once again. Through all his years in public service, Dr. Anderson continues to be mindful that as a public servant he is responsible to and serves the public. I am continually impressed by his humility and respectful treatment of people. He genuinely cares about the health of Hawaii's people and the environment.

I strongly urge the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health to endorse the Governor's nomination of, and recommend the Senate's approval of Dr. Bruce Anderson to continue to lead and direct the State of Hawaii's Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
BRUCE ANDERSON AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

February 24, 2019

To: Chairperson Rosalyn Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce
Consumer Protection and Health:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I have been primarily involved in government affairs for various clients over thirty years. I am testifying in strong support of Bruce Anderson as the Director of the Department of Health.

I have known Mr. Anderson for over 30 years and had the opportunity to work on several issues for various clients with him throughout the years in his role as a public servant. My first significant interaction was in 1999 when he was the then Director of Health and we worked together to pass the legislation that created the tobacco master settlement trust fund. More recently I have worked with him on other issues for my clients.

I always felt that he was fair and willing to listen to all sides of the issues I was working on. He always has a very positive attitude and is interested in solving the problems and/or issues that he is confronted with and is very dedicated to the Department and the health issues facing Hawaii.

His problem solving skills and his ability to listen to everyone and to find solutions makes him well suited to be the Director of the Department of Health.

I wholeheartedly support his nomination and urge this committee to recommend him for this position and for the Senate to confirm him as the Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Mersereau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: